

Supplemental to:

Quarter 1 PIP item: 2A.1.1: Seek TA from family centered practice NRC to evaluate concurrent planning practice.

Attached is a copy of the implementation plan for Concurrent Planning in Kentucky.

Permanency Planning Workgroup Program Improvement Plan Update

Quarter 1- PIP Item 2A.1.1: Seek Technical Assistance from the Family Centered Practice National Resource Center to evaluate Kentucky's Concurrent Planning Practice.

Quarter 4- PIP Item 2A.1.2: Revise training curriculum and standards of practice as needed based on technical assistance.

Janyce Fenton with the Nation Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections attended a meeting in Frankfort, Kentucky on March 24, 2010 to discuss Kentucky's concurrent planning practices and to provide technical assistance. Twenty eight people attended the meeting and participated in the discussion. Participants included a front-line supervisor, Private Child Care administrators, the State Program Improvement Plan Coordinator and the Adoption's and Out of Home Care Branch Managers.

Based on the technical assistance received from Ms. Fenton and recommendations included in her report received by the state on December 10, 2010, The Permanency Planning workgroups continues to make changes to SOP, tools and training for workers and supervisors, tools and training for parents and foster parents. Changes in are being made to the following:

- ✦ A formalized process for concurrent planning is being established to include a case planning family team meeting after a child has been in foster care for 90 days.
- ✦ A concurrent planning prognostic tool has been developed to assess the family's strengths, needs, appropriateness of the initial placement and information received from community partners, extended family members and resources.
- ✦ Reinforce the new process for identifying relatives is being built into concurrent planning practice utilizing a standardized form.
- ✦ Part of the concurrent planning procedure directs front line workers request the court order the parents to complete the standardized form and bring it to the Five (5) day case planning conference.
- ✦ Front line staff complete the absent parent relative search form and a link to the Absent Parent Relative Search Handbook has been included in the SOP.
- ✦ The Concurrent Planning Review Tool has been revised and shortened to a one page document.
- ✦ The Concurrent Planning Review Tool will be completed by the investigative worker prior to the 5-Day Case Planning Conference.
- ✦ Information about ASFA and ASFA exemptions has been included in the new SOP.
- ✦ Information is being added to the PS- MAPP Pre-service training and Information meetings to educate resource parents about Concurrent Planning.
- ✦ A flow chart entitled "Best Practice for Permanency" has been included in the Pre-service training.
- ✦ A flow chart is being developed for front line staff illustrating the concurrent planning case planning process.